

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

October 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.3 percent between September 2008 and October 2008 while the Canada All-items Index declined 1.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.3 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the October All-items Index decreased from September 2008 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, women's clothing, and traveller accommodation. Prices also fell for furniture, housing replacement cost, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and the purchase and leasing of recreational vehicles.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for natural gas, property taxes including special charges, other food preparations, and mortgage interest cost. Prices also rose for rent and cereal products excluding infant food.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.5 percent between October 2007 and October 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.8 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The October All-items Index increased from October 2007 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, mortgage interest cost, and housing replacement cost. Prices also rose for natural gas, rent, food purchased from restaurants, and bakery products.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, women's clothing, and recreational equipment and services excluding recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for the purchase and leasing of recreational vehicles, home entertainment equipment, parts and services, footwear, and prescribed medicines.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Sept. 2008</u>	<u>Sept. 2008</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Oct. 2007</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.9	117.3	-0.3	3.5
Food	118.0	116.6	1.2	6.3
Shelter	139.2	135.8	2.5	8.5
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.7	102.4	-0.7	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	94.8	96.7	-2.0	-3.2
Transportation	113.3	118.5	-4.4	0.7
Health and Personal Care	106.2	107.1	-0.8	0.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.0	104.7	-0.7	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.4	129.3	0.1	2.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.9	113.8	0.1	2.5
Energy	145.4	150.1	-3.1	10.8
CANADA				
All-Items	114.5	115.7	-1.0	2.6
Food	117.4	117.1	0.3	6.1
Shelter	123.2	123.1	0.1	3.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.2	105.6	-0.4	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	94.4	96.1	-1.8	-2.8
Transportation	117.0	122.4	-4.4	1.6
Health and Personal Care	109.2	109.4	-0.2	1.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.0	103.9	-0.9	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.0	128.0	0.0	1.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.8	112.0	-0.2	1.8
Energy	147.5	161.5	-8.7	9.7
REGINA				
All-Items	116.6	116.9	-0.3	3.8
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.0	118.3	-0.3	3.4

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Sept. 2008</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Oct. 2007</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>
Canada	-1.0	2.6
Newfoundland	-0.9	3.5
Prince Edward Island	-1.4	3.9
Nova Scotia	-1.0	3.4
New Brunswick	-1.1	1.8
Quebec	-0.9	2.3
Ontario	-1.2	2.5
Manitoba	-0.8	3.0
Saskatchewan	-0.3	3.5
Alberta	-1.1	2.4
British Columbia	-1.1	2.5
Whitehorse	0.1	4.1
Yellowknife	-0.8	4.7
Iqaluit	-0.7	2.8

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Sept. 2008</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Oct. 2007</u> to <u>Oct. 2008</u>
St. John's	-0.8	3.5
Charlottetown-Summerside	-1.2	3.9
Halifax	-0.9	3.1
Saint John	-1.0	1.9
Quebec City	-0.8	2.3
Montreal	-0.8	2.3
Ottawa	-1.2	2.6
Toronto	-1.0	2.7
Thunder Bay	-1.2	2.8
Winnipeg	-0.7	3.0
Regina	-0.3	3.8
Saskatoon	-0.3	3.4
Edmonton	-0.8	2.5
Calgary	-1.1	2.6
Vancouver	-1.0	2.7
Victoria	-0.9	2.6
Whitehorse	0.1	4.1
Yellowknife	-0.8	4.7
Iqaluit	-0.7	2.8